## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS BID PROTEST

AMAZON WEB SERVICES, INC.,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	) No. 19-1796C ) (Judge Petricia F. Comphell Smith)
THE UNITED STATES,	) (Judge Patricia E. Campbell-Smith)
Defendant,	)
and	)
MICROSOFT CORPORATION,	)
Intervenor-Defendant.	)

## **JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's order dated April 17, 2020 (ECF No. 203), the parties jointly and respectfully provide the following report concerning the status of proceedings on remand. On remand, the United States Department of Defense (DoD) has proceeded to reconsider aspects of the procurement challenged in this protest action, and continues to do so.

Specifically, on April 21, 2020, DoD issued Amendment 0007 to Solicitation No. HQ003418R0077, which, among other things, modified some of the language concerning Factor 5, Price Scenario 6. Subsequently, on April 28, 2020, DoD issued Amendment 0008 to the solicitation, answering questions about Amendment 0007 and further modifying some of the solicitation language. Amendment 0007 permitted offerors to submit revised proposals by May 5, 2020. Plaintiff, Amazon Web Services, Inc. (AWS), and Intervenor-Defendant, Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft), each submitted revised proposals prior to the deadline.

On May 4, 2020, AWS submitted a pre-award, agency-level protest to the contracting officer, seeking clarification regarding some of the terms of Amendments 0007 and 0008. On

May 14, 2020, DoD issued Amendment 0009 to the solicitation to clarify, modifying some of the language of the solicitation amendments, and permitting offerors to either submit revised proposals in light of the clarification to the solicitation language, or affirm that its May 5, 2020 proposals aligned with the clarification in Amendment 0009. Both AWS and Microsoft timely responded to Amendment 0009.

DoD continues to evaluate the offerors' revised proposals, and more time is required to complete this process. Also, throughout the time that this case has been remanded, DoD has proceeded to reexamine its decisions with regard to other aspects of the procurement. More time is required to complete this process.

Additionally, DoD now anticipates that another solicitation amendment will be necessary, and additional limited proposal revisions will be permitted. DoD anticipates that this solicitation amendment will be issued by June 22, 2020, and that proposal revisions will be due by no later than July 7, 2020. Thereafter, these revised proposals will be evaluated.

After evaluations are complete, the Source Selection Evaluation Board, Source Selection Advisory Council, and Source Selection Authority will perform their duties as prescribed by the solicitation, and a new award decision will be issued. At this point, DoD anticipates that it will be in a position to complete remand proceedings by August 17, 2020. Given the need for another solicitation amendment and the evaluation of new proposal revisions, however, it is possible that some additional time may be necessary. If and when such a need becomes apparent, the United States will move for an extension of the remand pursuant to Rule 52.2(c) of the Rules of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

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